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SLAVS TAKE ENEMY BY SURPRISE

General Brusiloff Shifts Drive to Stochod Front and Makes Easy Gains Against Weakened Line Near Kovel

By William P. Simms
Petrograd, Aug. 21.—By suddenly shifting his attack to the Stochod river front northeast of Kovel, General Brusiloff has caught the Germans off their guard and is driving westward for substantial gains.

Realizing that General Bothmer's army had been crushed the Germans began stripping their northern front of every available man and sending them southward to defend Lemberg. It was while this troop movement was under way that Brusiloff struck further north with his right wing. His flanking attack menaces both Kovel and the German army at Pinsk.

The Slavs' frontal attacks on Kovel have ceased. The Germans have sunk turrets in the marshy ground west of the city. These turrets are practically invisible to Russian air scouts and must be overcome by strategy rather than massed infantry onslaughts. Consequently the line west of Kovel has remained stationary for some time.

During the lull on the Kovel front, the Russian armies under Generals Kaledin, Sakharoff and Letchitsky, swung westward like a deadly pendulum from a point east of Kovel, as a pivot. The advance was proportionately faster in the extreme south.

Expert opinion here believes that more depends upon Brusiloff's campaign than the mere stand or fall of Lemberg and Kovel. Prisoners say the northern part of Hungary is being evacuated by civilians because of the Slav advance near Koromez.

In Friday and Saturday's fighting on this front, 1,366 prisoners, one cannon, 18 machine guns and other material were captured.

Petrograd, Aug. 21.—Russian forces in the Caucasus have captured a whole series of strongly fortified heights in the region of Diarbekir, taking many prisoners. It was officially announced today.

ANDREW CARNEGIE'S CONDITION

Bar Harbor, Maine, Aug. 21.—Apparently in feeble condition Andrew Carnegie, steel magnate, today was off Mount Desert Island in his yacht, the Surf, for a few days stay. His weakened condition was plainly noticeable when he came ashore for an automobile ride. Carnegie told friends he did not "feel sick but only tired." A physician is constantly within call and attendants are on hand to assist the Laird of Skibo.

TENNESSEE EXPLOSION KILLS 7

Jackson, Tenn., Aug. 21.—Seven men were killed and two seriously injured today when the boilers at the Harlan & Morey Woodworking plant exploded, shattering buildings half a mile away.

FRISCO BUSINESS MEN ARE GUESTS AT EUGENE

Eugene, Aug. 21.—After several hours spent in Eugene during which they were the guests of the Eugene Commercial club, the 100 members of the San Francisco chamber of commerce wholesale trade excursion left here today for Marshfield. The special train on which the merchants are travelling will reach Marshfield at 8 p. m. and a program of entertainment has been arranged by the merchants of that city.

U.S. ARMY STAYS IN MEXICO UNTIL DECISION REACHED

Washington, Aug. 21.—The American troops will not be withdrawn from Mexico until the joint Mexico-American commission has met and such action has been recommended by the American members, a high official said today. The statement was made as an answer to a question regarding the action to be taken on General Funston's report that the troops might now be withdrawn without endangering the safety of the border. At the same time the belief was expressed that the militia on the border would be returned to their respective states not long after the troops are withdrawn from Mexico and the border patrol duty left entirely to the regular army.

NEW YORK'S STREETCAR STRIKE HAS BEEN SETTLED

New York, Aug. 21.—New York's threatened strike of surface, subway and elevated employees is settled. Mayor Mitchell announced this afternoon.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR HOME FROM FRANCE

New York, Aug. 21.—Wm. G. Sharp, ambassador to France, with his daughter, Margaret, arrived today on the French liner LaFayette and will go to Washington and thence to his home at Elyria, Ohio. Sharp said he recently suffered an attack of pneumonia and was returning home to recuperate.

SHOEMAKER SAVES STEELHEAD FISHING

Carl D. Shoemaker, state game warden, announced here this afternoon that he had just completed taking testimony in a hearing at Gold Beach which had for its object the establishment of a dead line at the mouth of the Rogue River. The hearing lasted two days and at the conclusion Mr. Shoemaker established the line.

"I found that there was considerable difference of opinion among the fishermen themselves as to where the line should be established, but in reaching my conclusion that the line should be established at Doyle Rock I took into consideration the preservation of the sport of angling for steelheads on the upper Rogue as well as the continuation of the commercial fishing industry at the mouth," said Mr. Shoemaker.

Mr. Shoemaker explained that Doyle Rock is about 1700 feet up stream from the mouth of the river and at that point the stream has a width of nearly a mile. At the mouth where fishing is carried on the river at low water is less than 200 feet wide. By placing the dead line at Doyle Rock two set net locations have been cut out and the best seining ground of the McCleay company has been taken away. The line becomes effective in thirty days.

"I consider this the most important piece of work I have accomplished since I have been state game warden. It will be a great benefit to Josephine and Jackson county sportsmen," concluded Mr. Shoemaker.

PANAMA PRES. UNDER SHADOW

Washington, Aug. 21.—Secretary Lansing today admitted that an investigation is being made of charges that Ramon Valdez, newly elected president of Panama, was instrumental in getting a land concession, estimated at about sixty thousand acres, for a Spalard named Fernandez. It has been reported that the United States may not recognize Valdez because of alleged frauds and coercion in his election.

HEAVY ONSET BEGUN BY BULGAR

Teuton Ally Starts Drive To South on Wide Front—Aim at Serbia and British in the Region About Salonika

London, Aug. 21.—The Bulgarians have opened heavy attacks on both wings of the allied armies in Greece and serious fighting is going on at both ends of the 150-mile battle front. The German war office this afternoon announced that the Bulgars have captured Vilechilla, southeast of the Greek town of Florina.

The invasion of Greece has brought a new crisis to the Greek capital and has resulted in sudden conferences between the ministerial and the military heads. The Bulgarian advance has aroused no alarm in allied military circles.

The Bulgars, it was stated here this afternoon, are merely playing the game the Germans tried at Verdun. They are hitting hard, counting on getting a start before the allies begin an offensive.

The fighting in the Balkans, which threatens at any moment to develop into a great battle along the whole Greek border, eclipsed interest in operations on other fronts today.

Aside from unsuccessful attempts by the Germans to recover lost ground on the Verdun and Somme fronts, no events of importance occurred in any other theater of war.

Saloniki, Aug. 21.—Bulgarian forces are advancing south of the Greek town of Florina, despite stubborn Serbian resistance. Heavy fighting continued all day Saturday near Banitz, 31 miles northwest of Saloniki.

Sharp fighting with the Serbians is marked on a 15-mile front seventy miles northwest of Saloniki. The Bulgars emerged from the village of Florina and attempted an advance southward. At the same time other strong Bulgarian detachments at—

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ENTIRE NATION TO SUFFER FROM LACK OF FOOD IN CASE OF STRIKE

Washington, Aug. 21.—Loss of millions of dollars in crops throughout the country in event of a railroad strike, was the new possibility before the administration today.

The treasury department reported that agents of the federal reserve board in the south, west and north-west are beginning to ask for funds for the purpose of the crop-moving movement. Tying up the railroads would mean that wheat and other products now ready for the mills would be held up indefinitely and possibly rot on side tracks, if stopped in transit.

This angle of the threatened gigantic strike was borne home to officials, not only by reports from the treasury department, but by the arrival of western railroad presidents, such as Louis W. Hill, whose father's name was synonymous with the empire of the northwest, and its wealth of farm lands.

More than two score railroad presidents and the 640 brotherhood representatives held separate meetings today to continue discussion of President Wilson's proposal looking toward peace.

An outstanding feature of the gathering of the railroad presidents to-day was that there appeared no organized plan afoot to meet the situation created by President Wilson's firm refusal to recede from his demands on them.

STORM ROBS THOUSANDS OF HOMES

Texas Swept By Hurricane Suffers Great Property Loss Though Few Are Killed—Ask State Aid for Homeless

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 21.—Thousands of families are homeless in the gulf region as the result of Friday's hurricane and preparations are being made throughout the state today to rush supplies, tentage and funds to them.

The storm-swept area extends from Corpus Christi south to Brownsville and inland from thirty to fifty miles. The death toll was placed at thirteen to sixteen today and the total property loss at \$2,000,000.

The dead include six or nine sailors, drowned when the small steamer Pilot Boy was wrecked off Port Aransas, and seven persons on land. All the latter were Mexicans. The damage, which included the opening cotton crop, is apportioned as follows:

Corpus Christi, \$500,000; Aransas Pass, \$150,000; Bishop, \$150,000; Alice, \$100,000; Kingsville, \$100,000; Rockport, \$75,000; Robstown, \$50,000; San Diego, \$50,000; Rio Grande valley, \$300,000; widely separated farming communities, \$500,000.

The army camps along the Rio Grande escaped practically unscathed and it is believed the large stores of food and tentage in the bases there, will be sent to points farther north along the coast. State and federal officers are expected today to organize the relief work.

IMMIGRATION BILL IS UP THIS SESSION

Washington, Aug. 21.—The senate this afternoon voted 27 to 24, immediately to take up the immigration bill, which the democratic caucus had voted to put over until the next session.

GREEK CABINET IS WORRIED BY NEW BULGARIAN MOVE

Athens, Aug. 21.—Bulgarian troops are reported within 10 miles of the Greek port of Kavala, in their advance to attack the allies' right wing. The Greek cabinet has been called into special session because of the Bulgarian advance into Greek territory. Generals Moschopoulos, Sottillis and Ghenadis attending the conference.

Kavala, a port of 5,000 population, was taken from Turkey by Greece in the Balkan wars. It lies 18 miles west of the Bulgarian border, and has long been coveted by the Bulgars.

The government is watching the Bulgarian invasion of Greek territory with the greatest interest. The newspaper Patris says the cabinet thus far has reached no decision and will await further developments. From the military standpoint the Bulgarian advance is considered unimportant, so far as the allies are concerned. The Bulgars apparently are trying to seize strategic positions on the allied flanks, from which to deliver attacks when the expected allied offensive begins.

The British and French ministers conferred with Premier Zamasis today, who immediately afterward summoned the chief of staff of the Greek army. The discussion turned to the question of withdrawing portions of the Greek army and civilians from the territory occupied by the Bulgars.

BRITISH LOSE TWO CRUISERS SATURDAY

London, Aug. 21.—The sinking of two such valuable light cruisers as the Falmouth and Nottingham Saturday in the first North Sea naval fight since the Jutland battle, is "distinctly unfortunate," the naval expert of the Daily News asserted today, "but it is the penalty that must be paid by a fleet commanding the seas."

"In the Dodge-bank fight last year and on several less important occasions, the enemy tried to lure the British forces into a submarine trap," said the News' expert, "but although our pursuing ships often found themselves in a nest of U boats, they never before suffered loss therefrom."

THREE FATALLY HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Portland, Aug. 21.—One woman was dead today and two other persons near death as the result of an automobile wreck on the Columbia highway. Miss Olive Erickson of Portland was killed when the automobile of J. H. Shields backed over the edge of a 30-foot bridge near Troutdale and hurtled through the darkness into a deep gully. Shields was probably fatally hurt. Miss Agnes Erickson suffered an injured spine. The wrecked machine burst into flames, while all three were pinned under it. An unknown automobile ran into the ravine with a fire extinguisher and stopped the blaze.

Chester Shields, son of the injured man, had stepped from the car to walk while his father steered it off the bridge. He witnessed the tragedy.

NEW HIGH RECORD FOR UNITED STATES STEEL

New York, Aug. 21.—A new high record price of 95 was set by United States Steel common during the late trading on the stock exchange this afternoon. The figure exceeds the 1909 record by one-eighth.

WILSON PUTS ISSUE UP TO ROADS

Pleads for Concession to Avert Domestic and Foreign Business Crises—Many Would Starve if Strike Is Forced

Washington, Aug. 21.—Two score railroad presidents, representing the greatest railway systems in the world, were in conference here late this afternoon forming the final answer they will make to the proposals advanced by President Wilson in an effort to avert a strike that would paralyze the nation.

The heads of the great systems went into secret session after hearing an impassioned appeal by President Wilson to "keep the railroads running, not only in the interest of this country, but in order to meet the demands of the entire world."

President Wilson made the railroad presidents a 30-minute address during the White House meeting. The heads of the systems walked or rode through a blistering heat from their hotels to the White House to hear the chief executive's final appeal.

President Wilson outlined to them the need for railroad cooperation in the interest of preparedness as one point in the broader ground it took.

It had been learned earlier in the day of reports from the treasury and agricultural departments that a strike would mean the loss of millions of dollars in crops. But the president went even beyond the domestic situation, when he told the railroad heads that not only in this country but abroad "where the people of all the belligerent nations are looking to the United States," the cooperation of the big railroad systems is absolutely essential.

"I am willing to allow the case to go to the great American jury and let them assess the responsibility," said President Wilson to the railway presidents. "I wish you to consider the consequences of a failure to agree as they may affect the people of the great cities and the countryside. The country cannot live if the means of keeping alive its vitality are interfered with."

"The lives and fortunes of 100,000,000 men, women and little ones, some of whom may die, depend on what may be done in this room. I leave the matter to you."

"I appeal to you as one American citizen to another, to avoid this disaster."

Washington, Aug. 21.—Arrival of the western railroad presidents and receipts of hundreds of telegrams from commercial organizations were the feature of the first day of the second week of the president's intervention between the railroads and the four brotherhoods. The presidents came at President Wilson's invitation and the telegrams—in part, at least,—at the invitation of the railroads.

Railroad executives here made no secret of the fact that they were lining up all possible business support for their arbitration contention.

The president made his answer known in reply to one of these telegrams, that from George Pope, president of the National Association of Manufacturers. Pope declared 3,700 manufacturing organizations, employing millions of men, are utterly dependent on un-interrupted railway service. He urged the president to prevent the threatened stoppage of train service and at the same time to maintain the principle of the open shop.

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